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- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administration” means the Social Services Administration of the Department.
- (c) “Adoptee” means an individual:
 - (1) who was adopted in this State; or
 - (2) who was placed for adoption by:
 - (i) a child placement agency licensed in this State; or
 - (ii) a local department.
- (d) “Director” means the Director of the Administration.
- (e) “Identifying information” means information that reveals the identity or location of an adoptee, the natural parents of an adoptee, or a natural sibling.
- (f) Repealed.
- (g) “Natural father” means a man who:
 - (1) was married to the adoptee’s natural mother at the time of conception;
 - (2) was married to the adoptee’s natural mother at the time of the adoptee’s birth;
 - (3) was named as the father on the adoptee’s pre-adoption birth certificate, unless the man has signed a denial of paternity or his nonpaternity has been determined by a court;
 - (4) was identified by the natural mother as the father of the adoptee, unless the man has signed a denial of paternity or his nonpaternity has been determined by a court;

(5) has been adjudicated to be the father of the adoptee; or

(6) has acknowledged himself orally or in writing to be the father of the adoptee.

(h) “Natural sibling” means an individual who is at least 21 years old and shares 1 or both natural parents with an adoptee.

(i) “Registry” means the Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry.

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